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The Honorable Huban Gowadia  
Acting Administrator  
Transportation Security Administration  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
601 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 20598-6001

Dear Acting Administrator Gowadia:

I write to respectfully ask the Transportation Security Administration to deploy an Advanced Imaging Technologies (AIT) machine for use at the domestic terminal of Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB) in my congressional district. I believe such deployment is essential for both security and efficiency reasons, particularly given that the number of passengers using SFB has dramatically increased in recent years and is projected to increase in similarly dramatic fashion in the coming years.

As you know, AIT machines create an image of the full body that highlights objects that are on the body. From a security perspective, AIT machines provide significant advantages over walk-through metal detectors, the other type of scanning equipment used at U.S. airports, enabling detection of explosives and other nonmetallic threats. SFB currently has one AIT machine in its domestic terminal, as well as one AIT machine in its international terminal. SFB leadership seeks a single additional AIT machine for its domestic terminal. The rationale for that request, which I believe to be compelling, is set forth in detail in a May 8, 2017 letter to me from Diane Crews, the president and CEO of SFB. I have enclosed that letter for your review.

It is evident that one AIT machine in SFB's domestic terminal is not sufficient to handle current passenger traffic in an efficient manner, and will be woefully inadequate to handle the projected growth in passenger traffic.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, in the five-year period between Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2015, total passenger enplanements at SFB (that is, passengers boarding an aircraft) increased by over 60 percent, from 694,335 in Fiscal Year 2011 to 1,134,834 in Fiscal Year 2015. Passenger growth at SFB continues at a rapid pace. Enplanements are projected to be 1,647,731 in the current Fiscal Year 2017, an increase of 45 percent over Fiscal Year 2015. The

FAA forecasts that annual enplanements will increase to 1,731,162 passengers in Fiscal Year 2021. That would be a 149 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2011. Plainly, the quantity and quality of passenger screening devices at SFB must evolve to keep pace with the present and projected growth in passenger traffic.<sup>1</sup>

My understanding, based on a review of the Department of Homeland Security's most recent two budget requests to Congress, is that TSA has purchased and installed about 800 AIT machines at airports around the nation. The 2017 budget request proposes to purchase seven AIT machines using carryover funding remaining from previous fiscal years, and to install 17 AIT machines using both carryover funding and Fiscal Year 2016 enacted funding. I urge TSA to install an additional AIT machine at SFB during the current fiscal year.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your written response. I am likely to request a meeting with the appropriate TSA officials to follow up on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephanie Murphy  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> See Federal Aviation Administration, Terminal Area Forecast (TAF), available at <http://taf.faa.gov/>. It bears emphasis that SFB is almost exclusively an origin and destination (O&D) airport. That is, there are very few passengers making connecting flights at SFB, unlike a hub airport that handles many connecting passengers. Accordingly, the observed and forecasted growth at SFB translates directly to increased utilization of passenger screening checkpoints.